

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Twenty-five persons were baptized by immersion in Eagle Bridge, N. Y., last Sunday, and were subsequently received in one of the churches there.

The Troy Times correspondent from Round Lake, N. Y., says: "There has been great disappointment at the removal of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Plue. The new pastor, Rev. A. J. Hunt, is one of the best preachers, and comes from Bennington, a first-class appointment. Besides, he has been presiding elder of the Plattsburgh district."

The fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Second Congregational church will be held May 3d, from 6 o'clock p. m. until 9 o'clock. The different committees are as follows: Supper, Mrs. H. S. Bingham, H. I. Norton; invitation, Misses Mary K. Rawson, Susie I. Rogers, Edward C. Bennett; reception, Miss S. E. Park, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holden, Dea. Walker, Mrs. H. I. Norton, Miss Blanche Sibley, Mrs. Clement H. Come, Mrs. Frank Barwood; statisticians, Mrs. H. Scott; reports, Mrs. A. B. Valentine, S. B. Hawks; music, John M. Burt; post prandials, Mrs. C. R. Seymour, Chas. H. Mac Donough. It is hoped that every member of the church will respond to the roll call, either personally or by letter.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will give an entertainment at the rooms of the Association Wednesday evening, May 2d, at 8 o'clock, consisting of a paper on "Folk Song" by Miss A. E. Clark, illustrated by French, English, Russian, Irish, Scotch, Tyrolean, Swabian and American songs, and instrumental selections, the whole to be under the direction of the Art Committee of the Fortnightly Literary society, Mrs. John M. Burt, acting chairman. It is hoped a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity not only to listen to a rare literary and musical programme, but also to assist in adding to the carpet fund of the Auxiliary. Tickets 25 cents.

Advance sheets of the statistics of the Congregational churches of Vermont shows that while there has been encouraging progress in some directions and many additions to membership, the net gain during the year 1893, was only twenty-six in the entire State. It also shows that even Vermont women are much more religiously inclined than men. According to the figures given the male congregationalists in Vermont number 9,573, and the female numbers 13,798, making the total membership 23,371. The aggregate admissions during the year numbered 1,235, and the removals 1,211. The total membership of the Sunday schools is 11,450, and of Christian Endeavor societies 7,338. In view of the fact that the Congregational church is one of the strongest in Vermont, the showing to the net growth can hardly be considered as encouraging.

The Rev. S. McLaughlin preached his last sermon in Rutland last Sunday evening. He took his text from John xvi:33. The sermon has been quite fully reported. In conclusion the reverend gentleman addressed the congregation substantially as follows: "These are plain truths. I mean to talk to the point. I tell you what I think of you. I fear no man living. You may say that I mean you in my sermon, but that is assured of one thing, and that is, I will never destroy the picture that I have drawn. I have said things in my way that no other man could say in that way. Many of you laugh, and some people object to that in church. But a laugh will not hurt you. Many of you do worse things than laugh. I mean to preach Christ and Him crucified. I love men's souls. I have made a great many friends in this parish. Many of you have worked nobly and helped me along. Others of you have hindered me in my work. Some of you come to church and look pious, but do not pay anything towards the current expenses during the year. There are officials in this church who have not been to prayer meeting for four years. What kind of men are they? If they were many they would have withdrawn from the church, or what is better yet, asked God's forgiveness. So you see that there is a great deal of room for improvement among you. But this is all Satan's work. What you need then is to take Christ into your heart, for the prince of this world is judged. Christ alone can prosper you and finally fit you for his glory."

THE GRAND LODGE, E. O. P.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont of this Order, held its annual session in Rutland, Wednesday. There were present from this village: Geo. H. Burch, N. M. Puffer and W. R. Hyde. The business was largely routine, but the reports show a prosperous condition of the order. The Grand Lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Grand Warden, E. C. French of Barre; Grand Vice-Warden, G. H. Burch of Bennington; Grand Secretary, H. H. Davis of Burlington; Grand Treasurer, F. S. Pease of Burlington; Grand Chaplain, G. H. Taplin of St. Johnsbury; Grand Guide, G. W. Beaman of Swanton; Grand Guard, A. E. Glidden of Barre; Grand Sentinel, M. G. Day of Ludlow; Grand Trustees, D. W. Jenness and C. A. Miles of St. Johnsbury, N. M. Puffer of Bennington. N. M. Puffer of Bennington, was elected representative to the Supreme Lodge, and H. H. Davis of Burlington, alternate.

In the evening a public meeting was held, and among the speakers were those who entertained the Bennington audience Tuesday evening in this village.

STATE NEWS.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, of Brattleboro, have gone to Europe.

—The State House of Correction at Rutland now has an even 100 inmates.

—Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, of Burlington, will deliver the Memorial Day address at that place.

—The Rev. C. N. Thomas of New Haven, will deliver the Memorial Day address at Weybridge.

—John Young, of Whipple Corners, is more than 100 years old. He was born in Ireland, but has lived in this country 40 years.

—Mrs. Minerva Ordway, of Tunbridge, and Mrs. Melvina Stockwell, of Chelsea, were born December 8th, 1808, and are believed to be the oldest twins living.

—A new chair shop, with a capital of \$15,000, is to be started in Ludlow. The stock will be composed of 150 shares of \$1,000 each, half to be paid in the first year.

—Sing Bow, the Government Chinese interpreter, has been succeeded at Burlington by Lee Fee. Sing Bow has been assigned temporarily to the port of Buffalo.

—At this time there may be counted 10 aspirants for the Republican nomination for the lieutenant governorship. They are: Hon. H. C. Bates, of St. Johnsbury; Col. Z. M. Mansur of Island Pond; Hon. B. F. Lincoln, of Lyndon; Col. Marshall O. Perkins, of Windsor; Hon. Charles D. Brainard, of Danville; Maj.

**Children Cry for
Pitcher's Castoria.**

John H. Watson of Bradford; Hon. Adna Brown, of Springfield; Hon. Henry M. Arms, of Springfield; Homer W. Vail, of Pomfret; and Hon. Chas. A. Prouty, of Newport.

—William B. and John P. Hoekinson of Headville, have made a contract with the Fall Mountain Paper Company of Bellows Falls to furnish 8,000,000 feet of spruce logs in four years, 2,000,000 each year. This is probably the largest contract ever made for lumber within this State and the consideration is the largest.

"I am a Democrat," has got all mixed up. "Am I a Democrat?" and "I was a Democrat," are some of the new readings.—Plattsburgh Republican (Dem.)

Her Own Petard.

Mrs. Jinks—Now, Robby, it is very, very wrong for you to tell such stories as you do. Whatever happens, you must learn never to exaggerate. Oh, goodness, gracious! See that! There's a rat a foot long under the sofa!

Robby (contemptuously)—That? That's a baby mouse, ma!—Boston Traveller.

Quaint old customs still survive in many parts of England. In Ely Place, Holborn, a watchman cries the hours nightly with the same formula in use for centuries past: "Past 1 o'clock, and a cold, wet morning."

Titles were most abundant and grandiloquent in the latter days of the degenerate eastern empire. The formal titles of one of the later Constantines would fill two columns of a daily newspaper.

The poorest residences in Boston are built on the site of the old city. Fashionable Boston lives on the Back Bay on land made by filling up the harbor.

MEAT MARKET.

Best quality Chicago Beef; also, Fresh and Salt Meats of every description; Poultry, Eggs, Fruit and Vegetables. Bought for cash and sold reasonably.

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A convenient and desirable residence on Hall Street. Inquire of F. G. MATTISON, Bennington, or H. D. HALL, No. Bennington.

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**BENNINGTON,
SPRING, 1894**

**ESTABROOK'S
Granite and Marble
WORKS.**

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AND TOWNS CLERK'S OFFICES.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BENNINGTON AND VICINITY—I am prepared to furnish anything wanted in the line of cemetery work at least 10 per cent less than you can buy the same quality of stock or work of any agent or outside party, as that is the agent's commission, or it will cost a party from away if they come themselves to sell and set the work at least 40 per cent more than it will me, as I live here and sell and set my own work, and receive my granite in the rough state direct from the quarries in car loads at low rates. I have a force of competent workmen to cut, polish and letter the work here in my shop; have had four car loads of rough granite in the past two months; am furnishing monuments and a number of tablets and tablets from Landgrove's best dark Barre granite which are to be set before Decoration Day. Call and see my stock and how I do my work, and if you have work to have give me a chance to figure on it. I have nearly fifty hundred dollars' worth of marble monuments and tablets on hand, and will sell you any of these at a very low figure, as I want the room for granite work. The above are facts which I will prove to you if you will call and see me.

By the Court Attest.

E. Estabrook.

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ESTATE OF ADDIE L. FAY.

Will Presented,

STATE OF VERMONT, ss.

District of Bennington, ss.

In Probate Court, held at Probate Office in Bennington, in said District, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1894.

Present, Donald P. Hurlburt, Register.

(John V. Carney, judge, being disqualified by cause of his being named as executor.)

An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Addie L. Fay late of Bennington in said district, deceased, being presented by John V. Carney, the executor therein named for probate, it is ordered by the court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said district, on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1894, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and show cause, if any they have against the probate of said will, for which purpose it is further ordered, that this order be published three weeks successively in the Bennington BANNER newspaper printed at Bennington in this State previous to said time of hearing.

By the Court Attest.

DONALD P. HURLBURT, Register.

ESTATE OF CHARLES H. COLE.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

STATE OF VERMONT, ss.

District of Bennington, ss.

In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said district, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1894.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge.

Helein C. Cole, administratrix of the estate of Charles H. Cole late of Bennington, in said district, deceased, presents her administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said district, on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1894, for hearing and decision thereon, and, it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by the publication of this order three weeks successively in the Bennington BANNER newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

A record whereof is ordered to be made.

A True Record.

JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

A true copy of the original Record.

Attest, **JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.**

EVERY ONE NEEDS SOME THING NEW IN THE WAY OF
Mattings, Carpets, Lace
Drapes, Rugs, Furniture
READ THE BARGAINS OFFERED THIS WEEK AT
FREAR'S TROY BAZAAR.

CHINA AND JAPANESE MATTING.

In plain and fancy colors, inlaid cotton and linen warps in an almost unlimited number of patterns.

SPECIAL—Wm. H. Frear has just received 50 rolls fancy China Mattings that would be a good bargain at 20c per yard, but he will offer this lot 12 1-2c per yard or \$4 per roll of 40 yards. A first class fancy China Matting for \$3.10 per roll of 40 yards.

INGRAIN CARPETS.

Wm. H. Frear carries a larger line of Ingrain Carpets, in all grades, than any two other stores in Troy.

SPECIAL—10 rolls best all-wool Ingrain Carpet, 70c quality for 49c per yard. 10 rolls Ingrain Carpet, worth 45c, for 35c per yard. A good Ingrain Carpet for 22c per yard.

TAPESTRY BRUSSELS.

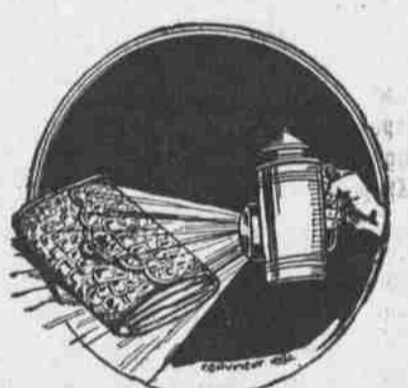
SPECIAL—20 rolls extra Tapestry Brussels that would be good value for 60c per yard, for 50c per yard at Frear's. A fair quality Tapestry Brussels at 35c per yard. 10 rolls very best Tapestry Brussels Carpet for 69c per yard.

BODY BRUSSELS.

One lot of 15 rolls best Body Brussels, worth \$1.15, for 95c per yard. 10 rolls extra Body Brussels, worth \$1.05, for 85c per yard.

AXMINSTER CARPETS.

Frear shows the largest line of the Bigelow Axminster Carpets, Smith's, Read's and other popular makes, of any house in Northern New York.



LIGHT ON YOUR PURSE

Well, that is just what I am doing. I am giving better goods for less cash than has been given in years. I have a good stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods. They are of the best qualities and styles in the market. Particular attention is given in my purchases to have the very best goods that are to be had. I invite you to visit my store at No. 501 Main Street, Free Library Building, Bennington, Vt., that I may verify the above remarks.

Respectfully,

G. B. SIBLEY.

B. B. LETTER FILES,
ANCHOR FILES,
FALCON FILES,
—AT THE—
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STOVE WOOD.

Ready for use. Delivered free to any part of the village, at

\$5.50 PER CORD.

Drop me a postal if to need of wood.

J. B. BINGHAM.

VELVET CARPETS.

One lot of 25 rolls extra quality Velvet Carpet, never sold before for less than \$1.30 per yard; now \$1 per yard at Frear's. Also 10 rolls extra Wilton Velvet Carpet, worth \$1.10 per yard, will be closed for 74c per yard.

MOUQUETTE CARPETS.

75 rolls new Mouquette Carpet, the very best quality manufactured, from 85c to \$1 per yard at Frear's.

The spring season at the Bazaar Carpet Department never opened with so fine a line of new and desirable designs in floor coverings as are now on exhibition there. Royal Wiltons, Axminsters, Mouquettes, Velvets, Body Brussels, Tapestry Brussels, Agra, Three-ply and Ingrain Carpets from the lowest priced to the very best goods made.

YOU WILL NOW FIND

THE UPHOLSTERY DEPARTMENT

In the large, well lighted and airy room at the left of the main stairway, formerly occupied by the Japanese Department. Six large windows facing Broadway light the room up so thoroughly that you can see and examine the most delicate fabric at the farthest end of the room. You will find displayed at all times such styles in Lace Curtains and Furniture Coverings as the following:

Frill Curtains in Plain and Spot, Louis XIV. Lace Curtains, Marie Antoinette Lace Curtains, Renaissance Lace Curtains, Irish Point Lace Curtains, Scotch Lace Curtains,

SHERIFF'S SALE.

ISAAC S. MOON, vs. JESSE R. MALLORY.

By virtue of an execution to me directed in favor of Isaac S. Moon of Bennington in said county of Bennington and State of Vermont, against Jesse R. Mallory of Woodford in said county of Bennington, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Hotel of James F. Smith in Woodford in said county of Bennington, on the 3rd day of May, 1894, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said execution with the legal costs and charges thereon for serving the same:

One undivided half of the following described property: One piece or parcel of land known as the saw mill and paint works lot, with the buildings thereon, also a lot on both sides of the Searsburg Turnpike road of seven and one half acres of land more or less, south of and adjoining the saw mill lot and paint works lot called the Cutler place, also the Baldwin lot, also one equal undivided half of the Lyon or Lyman lot, also one piece of land containing about one hundred and twenty acres of land more or less bounded north by Glastenbury line; east by a lot now or formerly called the Morgan lot; south by school lot and west by land formerly owned by David Robinson, said lands containing about two hundred and forty acres more or less.

Five acres more or less, known as the Advent Church and Society and all right of every name and nature the Railroad Company have or claim in or to said lands.

Meaning hereby to sell all the right title and interest together with the defendant's right in equity to redeem the same that the said Jesse R. Mallory his heirs or assigns may have in and to the land and premises conveyed to the said Mallory by one Lyman Patches which deed is dated the 12th day of May, 1880 and recorded in Book 11 at pages 162-164 of the Woodford Land Records to which deed reference is here made for a further and more particular description; reference is herein also made to a certain deed from said Lyman Patches to Robert W. Bennett, securing the payment of a note of \$700.00 dated the 17th day of May, 1883, and recorded in book 12 at pages 552-553 and 554 of the Woodford Land Records.

Dated at Bennington in said county of Bennington this 12th day of April, 1894.

Attest, **FRED GODFREY, Deputy Sheriff.**

CHAS. H. DARLING, Attorney for Plaintiff.

ESTATE OF LUCY DUNHAM.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.

STATE OF VERMONT, ss.

District of Bennington, ss.

In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, within and for said District on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1894.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge.

Harriet A. Dunham, administratrix of the estate of Lucy Dunham, late of Bennington, in said district, deceased, presents her administration account for examination and allowance and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said district, on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1894, for hearing and decision thereon; and, it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Bennington BANNER, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

A record whereof is ordered to be made.

A True Record.

JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

A True Copy of the original Record.

Attest, **JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.**

FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRY.

Work brought in Monday morning may be called for Wednesday afternoon; if brought in Wednesday or Thursday, it may be called for on Saturday of each week.

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112 North St., Bennington, Vt.

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ing new in the way of
Curtains, Portieres,
Coverings, or the Like,
OFFERED THIS WEEK AT
CASH BAZAAR.

Nottingham Lace Curtains,

Tambour Lace Curtains,

Silk Damask Furniture Covering,

Silk Faced Tapestry Furniture Covering,

Silk Brocade Furniture Covering,

Petit Point Furniture Covering,

Cotton Damask Furniture Covering,

Cotton Napaul Furniture Covering,

Crush Plush Furniture Covering,

Silk Plush Furniture Covering,

Corduroy in Plain and Figured for Furniture Covering.

100 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, 31-2 yards long, Frear's price 89c per pair, worth \$1.50.

Plain Muslin Curtains, with frill on edge, \$2 per pair. Doited Coin Spot and Figured Frill Curtains \$2.50 to \$3.25 per pair, worth 3.50 to \$4.

One lot Nottingham Lace Curtains, worth \$2.50 per pair, will be sold for \$2.25.

One lot Irish Point Curtains that cost \$6 to import will be sold for \$5.50 per pair. This Curtain is a great bargain.

Our \$10 Irish Point Curtains will go for \$7.50. Our \$12 Irish Point Curtains will go for \$9.

Tambour Lace Curtains will be sold at the following prices:

Our \$6 curtains will go for \$4.

Our \$8 50 curtains will go for \$6.

Our \$10 curtains will go for \$8.75.

Our \$12 curtains will go for \$9.

Our \$15 curtains will go for \$12.

Our \$17 curtains will go for \$14.

Chenille Portieres \$2.50 per pair.

This curtain has a very handsome floral dado and frieze, with handsome hang-over fringe; has sold for \$4. The new Split Curtain with valance and fringe down the centre has a 30-inch dado, the latest thing for single doors and costs but \$3.

Chenille Curtains, worth \$6, are going at \$4.50 per pair.

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HEAVY VELOUR CURTAINS

WITH PLAIN CENTRE AND HAND-SOME BORDER.

That sold readily at \$40 per pair, are marked to sell for \$28.50, and our \$50 Velour is marked to sell at \$32.50.

SASH MATERIAL OF ALL KINDS.

A Double Border Dot and Figured Muslin, 27 inches wide, formerly sold at 20c, for 12-2c per yard.

A 50-inch Dotted and Figured Muslin, such as is used for Cottage Curtains, formerly sold for 35c, 25c per yard.

36-inch Madras, in ecru